

## California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup Progress Report

- Workgroup got off the ground in 2011
- Development of workgroup charter and guidelines initiated, with approval scheduled for February meeting
- Work group operates under the umbrella of the Monitoring Council and will follow the guidelines for workgroups
- Co-facilitators represent the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency (SFCWA) and The Bay Institute (TBI)
- Workgroup meetings are bi-monthly
- Initial focus on translating the Water Rights decision D-1641 report from the Department of Water Resources into a web-based report
- Initiating discussion at next meeting on Bay monitoring
- Investigating other existing tools like EPA's e-estuary
- Workgroup recognizes the need to produce meaningful tangible results while developing a long term vision; for example, the portal could track Delta Performance Measures once developed
- Consensus driven with multiple perspectives acknowledged; but voting members include agencies, not other stakeholders
- Any big issues will be elevated to the Monitoring Council for resolution
- SFCWA has funded estuary portal development for at least 2 years
- The Delta Regional Monitoring Program has expressed interest in using the estuary portal to display results of Delta RMP, when available; this will be a topic for the next workgroup meeting

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